

# NEWS IN brief

## Youth found dead at employer's rooftop in Ctg

STAFF CORRESPONDENT, Ctg

A youth was found dead in the roof of his employer's building in Chittagong city yesterday. The deceased, Sazzad Hossain, 20, of Satkania, worked at a shop selling cellphones, owned by Soheli at Reazuddin Bazar. Soheli, who is involved in drug and VoIP business, might be behind the murder, said Bakalia police who also suspected that Sazzad was suffocated to death. Soheli is absconding.

## Savar RMG worker 'killed by husband'

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A readymade garment worker was killed allegedly by her husband yesterday in their house at Shreepur of Ashulia in Savar, outside the capital, following a family feud. Salma Akter, 28, worked at Shomsher Knitwear Ltd, and her husband Aynal Haque is absconding. Police said their neighbours first noticed the body on the bed peeking through the window while the door was locked from outside. The body was sent to the Dhaka Medical College morgue for an autopsy. A case was filed.

## Night guard goes missing in Savar

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Savar

A night-time security guard went missing from his duty area, Rajaghat, in Rajfulbaria of Savar, outside the capital, yesterday. Locals last saw Md Montu Miah, 44, on Saturday night but the next morning only his uniform was found on the road, said Savar Model police, who are investigating the matter.

## SCBA election begins

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The two-day election to Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for its 14 executive posts, including president and secretary, began yesterday. The polling started at 10:00am and continued till 5:00pm with a one-hour lunch break in the SCBA building. It will resume at 10:00am today. Some 1,802 lawyers out of a total 4,362 lawyers cast their votes on the first day. The results are likely to be announced tonight.

## Women mentored at walk

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years of professional experience under her belt. Halida Sarah Shahed, human resources and compliance executive at buying house Hellenic International Limited, said, "We expect to learn from the experience of those who have achieved the top positions in careers." A total of 55 women took part in the walk as mentors and mentees. The mentoring has reached thousands of women in over 50 countries since 2008. Among others, Yasmin Rahman, chief people officer of Accenture; Bitopi Roy Chowdhury, head of corporate communications at Standard Chartered Bank; and Sheifta Anwar, head of HR at Sanofi, participated in the walk.



As far as the eye can see, brick kilns line up along the bank of the Dhaleshwari River replacing what used to be cropland. The photo paints a picture contrary to the government's efforts to increase cropland in the country. The photo was taken from the Dhaka-Mawa highway yesterday. Inset, the kilns not only destroy cropland but also cause deforestation as about 25,000 maunds of firewood is used every day to fire bricks in a kiln violating laws. The picture was taken in Mathbaria of Pirojpur recently.

PHOTO: ANISUR RAHMAN, BANGLAR CHOKH

## Youths with vocational education are boon

Says Permanent Secretary for DFID Mark Lowcock about Bangladesh's future

UNB, Dhaka

Bangladesh will have a very bright future if it can create large numbers of young people coming into work with vocational education, said visiting UK's Permanent Secretary for the Department for International Development (DFID) Mark Lowcock.

"If the country can create large numbers of young people coming out of education system, especially vocational education system like this (UCEP), then Bangladesh will have a very bright future," he told the news agency after visiting an institution in the capital yesterday.

After visiting the Underprivileged Children's Educational Programs, UCEP-Bangladesh, Mark also said it is very encouraging and exciting to see the progress they have made so far.

Asked about future plans to bring more young people under vocational education, he said they want to "understand" how the government is going to put in place the policies which allow lots of other institutions to work together.

It will help bring a much larger number of young people under the net who will have this opportunity and play their role.

He said this is just the beginning of the "fantastic journey" for Bangladeshi young people who will be able to contribute more to the country through acquiring knowledge.

Mark hoped that the young people will continue to help build the nation and ensure a successful future of the country contributing towards building the nation.

He said the UK attaches importance to a number of issues and they want to make sure that nobody is left behind.

"In Bangladesh, there has been enormous progress made in lifting poverty," he said adding that they want to make sure that everyone goes to school. "The job is not done yet."

Earlier, he interacted with boys and girls at the UCEP and their mentors, and listened to their success stories. The students said they do not feel deprived today as they had felt in the past and sought continued support for their further study.

## Country has no law controlling food ads

Discussion in capital told on World Consumer Rights Day

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

The country's two laws regarding food safety do not have provisions to control advertisements of edible products, said speakers at a discussion yesterday.

As advertisements significantly influence people's decisions, there should be a legal framework dictating guidelines of making advertisements, they added.

The discussion "Consumers' Rights to Healthy Food: Issues related to Agro Food" was organised by Bangladesh Safe Agro Food Efforts Foundation (BSAFE) in Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council (BARC) auditorium in the capital marking World Consumer Rights Day.

While the Safe Food Act, 2013, has no provisions regarding advertisements, the Consumer-Right Protection Act, 2009, also does not have elaborate guidelines on advertisements, said Ataur Rahman Miton, general secretary of BSAFE. While urging strict implementation of the Safe Food Act, he also pointed out that ill-equipped mobile courts can lead to unnecessary hassles of the people. The mobile courts need to have mobile laboratories capable of detecting food contamination precisely, he stressed.

Shah Monir Hossain, former DG of the Directorate General of Health Services, stressed the need for developing a network across the country to monitor food adulteration.

Md Monirul Islam, director (nutrition) of Bangladesh Agricultural Research Council, said due to fear of ingesting harmful chemicals, people are often deprived of micronutrients by avoiding fruits and vegetables.

## Obituary

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Feni

Bir Pratik Shamsul Haque died in his Nayanpur residence in Dagonbhuiyan upazila of Feni yesterday morning. He was 73.

The freedom fighter left behind his wife, two sons and four daughters. He was buried with full state honour at his family graveyard in Nayanpur village following his namaz-e-janaza.

## Publicly reject

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on December 10, 1984 against torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment, the act makes torture in the hands of law enforcers or government officials a punishable offence.

Bangladesh became a signatory to the UN convention on October 5, 1998 during an Awami League-led government.

Moreover, Article 35 (5) of the Bangladesh constitution says, "No person shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman, or degrading punishment or treatment."

Workers remove charred remains from the second floor of a seven-storey commercial building in the capital's Motijheel yesterday after a fire broke out in it around 3:20pm the day before. Firefighters took 17 hours to douse the smouldering fire.



PHOTO: COLLECTED

## Charge sheets in Taqi, N'ganj

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Sarker, were abducted separately but around the same time on April 27 last year.

Their bodies were found floating on the river Shitalakkhya a few days later.

Nazrul's father-in-law Shahidul Islam alleged that some Rab personnel had abducted and killed Nazrul in exchange for Tk 6 crore from ward councillor Nur Hossain and his associates.

Several Rab members were interrogated on demand regarding the murders.

On March 8 of 2013, Taqi, who had just finished his A-levels, was found dead on the bank of the Shitalakkhya, two days after he went missing.

Taqi's father Rafiur Rabbi lodged the murder case against seven people, including Awami League lawmaker Shamim Osman and his son Ayon Osman.

## PM inaugurates 20 mobile apps

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under the health ministry, Dhaka City Corporation (South) and Bangladesh Bank and Infokosh Tube of A21.

State Minister for Information and Communication Technology Division Junaid Ahmed Polok at the event said all the ministries and government entities will gradually create their own apps for the same purpose.

## Fakhrul, Rizvi

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attack on a bus that left three passengers dead and 26 others injured on January 23.

The BNP leader was arrested in Baridhara on January 31 and was shown arrested in a dozen of cases and remanded for 27 days.

The case in which Falu's bail was denied yesterday was filed for torching a vehicle in Mirpur 1 on January 28.

Detectives held Falu before Khaleda's Gulshan office on February 1 and he was shown arrested in different arson cases and remanded for 13 days in three cases.

## Judgment on

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Zainul Abedin prayed to the court to shift the date saying that they would place arguments on this matter.

In the case, Khaleda and 15 others were accused of causing a loss of Tk 159 crore to the state exchequer by abusing power to award a contract for the operation of the coalmine to a Chinese company.

## Kashimpur jail Khaleda's place

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On March 1, another court issued a warrant allowing police to search Khaleda's Gulshan office for communication devices allegedly being used for carrying out subversive activities across the country.

Inu claimed there was no electoral crisis rather arson, terrorism, sabotage and militancy were Bangladesh's main problems and the government would not surrender to those, rather take all necessary steps to protect people's lives and properties.

Now Khaleda is fuelling anarchy and terrorism to bring an "abnormal" government to power, he claimed, lambasting

Khaleda's claim on Friday that the 15th amendment to the constitution was brought about unilaterally.

Khaleda did not join the amendment process, carried out by an all-party committee, comprising representatives of political parties, constitution specialists, professionals and media and cultural personalities and formed by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in light of an apex court verdict, he said.

Inu also questioned how Khaleda would deny the many media reports identifying arsonists caught red handed to be BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami activists.

## Siraj Master led killing of 8

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Santosh Kumar Devnath, Rakhal Devnath, Jogodish Paul, Khorshed Mallik, Durgacharan Das, Bijoy Das and freedom fighter Sunil.

"We saw Razakars set fire to 30 to 40 shops," he said, adding that they had heard the cries while passing the area looking for shelter around 10:00am.

The day before they had fought a battle after the Pakistani occupation army and a

Razakar group led by Siraj attacked them near the bazar, leaving two freedom fighters injured, Kholilur added.

State-appointed defence counsel Mohammad Abul Hasan began cross-examining him and proceedings were adjourned until today.

Siraj and two others, Abdul Latif Talukder and Khan Akram Hossain, are facing seven charges of alleged involvement in crimes against humanity and genocide committed in Bagerhat in 1971.

## YET ANOTHER ENFORCER IN VIOLATION



PHOTO: ARAFAT HOSSAIN

A policeman violates the government ban on pillion passengers as he carries not one but three passengers on his motorcycle while the motorcyclists in front of him abide by the ban. The photo was taken in Kakrail of the capital yesterday. The Daily Star in the past has published several photos of law enforcers violating the ban.

**DHAKA TODAY**

**Seminar**  
Bangladesh Poribesh Andolon (Bapa) will arrange a seminar "Role of citizens in ensuring safe and hygienic food"; Venue: Dhaka Reporters Unity; Time: 10:30am.

**Dialogue**  
The Time Watch will hold a dialogue "Impact of political instability on economy"; Venue: Jatiya Press Club; Time: 9:00am.